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Attention: His Worship Drew Dilkens, Mayor

Dear Sirs,

Re: UNESCO Center for Peace Invitation

We are pleased to partner with Zalent Creatives and reach out to the Canadian National Commission for UNESCO in support of the establishment of a Canadian National Federation of UNESCO Clubs and the first UNESCO Center for Peace as part of the WIDA FEST 2023 legacy in Windsor, Ontario. This would be the first such Center for all of Canada and could even become a role model for the rest of the worldwide UNESCO Club movement. This decision is designed to commemorate the extraordinary leadership role that this gathering brings to promote interracial harmony in North America and global peacemaking with Africa and the African Diaspora.

We are also excited by the value that we can collectively bring to the conclusion of the UN International Decade for People of African Descent in 2024. In 2004, following the return of the U.S. to UNESCO, the first UNESCO Center for Peace was founded in Frederick, Maryland to help promote the understanding of UNESCO's mission and ideals and to translate them into programs that will help raise a new generation of Peacemakers, placing Human Dignity at the center of their activities and striving to make the culture of peace a commodity of everyday life through Education, Science, Culture and Communication.

As a citizen of Maryland - birthplace of the Underground Railroad from U.S. slavery - I'm particularly committed to the shared legacy that my home state shares with Windsor, Ontario - the crossroads from the Underground Railroad into Canadian Emancipation for hundreds of thousands of African freedom seekers.

The Underground Railroad is a beacon of hope for all humanity that is the crowning centerpiece of our mutual collaboration from City to City and State to State. I am hereby inviting the City of Windsor to join forces with us and welcome the world movement for peace in March 2024.

Sincerely,



Guy Djoken

President U.S. Federation of UNESCO Clubs, Centers & Associations &
Permanent Representative of WFUCA to ECOSOC/UNDPI

